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## Lake Merritt, Oakland, California

The January field trip was taken to the waterfowl refuge at Lake Merritt, Oakland, on the 16th. We took the annual census of the ducks and other water birds on the lake in the forenoon, but on account of rain in the afternoon we didn't attempt to count the land birds in Lakeside Park, and list only a few here which were seen by chance along the shore of the lake:

Horned Grebe 1  
Eared Grebe 134  
Pied-billed Grebe 7  
Black-cr. Night Heron 24  
Mallard 24  
Baldpate 285  
Pintail 353  
Shoveller 5

Redhead 1  
Canvas-back 418  
Lesser Scaup 145  
American Golden-eye 211  
Bufflehead 2  
Ruddy Duck 150  
Coot 619  
Glaucous-winged Gull 202

Herring Gull 1  
California Gull 66  
Ring-billed Gull 3  
Bonaparte Gull 200+  
English Sparrow  
Brewer Blackbird  
Nuttall Sparrow  
Song Sparrow

Black Brant, very tame, believed to be a released pet.

Twenty members attended, as follows: Mesdames and Messrs. Fair, Myer, Stephens; Mesdames Courtright, Dorn, Kelly, Woolsey; Misses Blake, Danz, MacIver, Rinehart, Yeamans; Messrs. Hansen, Johnson, Kirker, Power, Wells.



## Report of the President for the Year 1937

This meeting marks the close of the twenty-first year of our existence. Although there have been no outstanding events during the year, we have continued our policy of taking an active part in the preservation of natural resources.

We protested to the California Fish and Game Commission re: oil pollution of the waters of San Francisco Bay; night shooting of ducks on San Leandro Bay; and the use of steel traps on poles in Marin County.

A letter was sent to the Board of Directors of the Marin Municipal Water District protesting against the trapping of small mammals and the killing of harmless snakes.

Each year more and more matters of national importance come to our attention. We sent letters to the President, Secretary of Interior, our Senators and Representatives urging them to save the sugar pines at Carl Inn and protesting against the Grand Lake Big Thompson Transmountain Water Diversion Project.

Letters to the Biological Survey asked that the White Pelicans be placed on the protected list and that there be a closed season on Ducks.

The matter of setting aside a suitable area of marsh land bordering San Leandro Bay in order to protect the nesting ground of the California Clapper

Rail, as well as to insure a safe place for shore and water birds during migration, was taken up with both the Fish and Game Commission and the City of Alameda. The policing of the area was also discussed. So far no definite action has been taken.

Our Association has been represented during the past year at the meetings of the Alameda County Wildlife Federation.

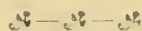
We assisted with the installation of new water-bird pictures at Lake Merritt, Oakland, and a notice telling about the activities of our Association was posted.

We have also continued to co-operate with the National Association of Audubon Societies in promoting the Junior Audubon work. It is gratifying to say that several of our members have formed large clubs and have been outstanding in their leadership.

I take this occasion to thank my fellow officers for their constant assistance and the members for their whole-hearted support.

Respectfully submitted,

Junea W. Kelly, President.



### Report of Field Trips for 1937

There were twelve regular Sunday trips and the annual Christmas census trip during 1937. Three trips were taken in Alameda County, one each to Lake Merritt, Oakland; Bay Farm Island, Alameda; University of California campus and Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley; one trip to Saint Mary's in Contra Costa County and one to Burlingame and Mountain View marshes in San Mateo County; and four trips to Marin County, one each to Point Bonita and Tennessee Cove and two to Ross. Three trips were taken in San Francisco, one to Golden Gate Park and two to Lake Merced. The trip in April to Lake Merced was taken under the leadership of one of our young members, Gordon Bolander, and produced the largest number of birds ever observed in April at this place by our Association. Five new birds were added to the Lake Merced record and one to the Association's life-list.

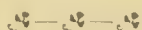
Our total life-list is now 241 species, two new ones having been added this year: the Old Squaw Duck and Lincoln Sparrow.

Sixty-five different members attended the field trips with a total attendance of 209, averaging five members to a trip. No member attended all the field trips this year and only eleven attended six or more trips. Forty-seven guests attended the trips with an average of four guests to a trip. Five of our guests became members and one a life member.

The Christmas census taken in San Francisco added two new species, the Canada Goose and Tricolored Blackbird, making a total of 138 species seen at Christmas time.

Last year a request was made for someone to volunteer as leader and historian of the field trips. No one responded and although we managed without a regular leader, better results could be obtained and more interest aroused if someone would definitely accept this position and put some good efforts into it.

Laura A. Stephens, Acting Historian.



**1938 Dues:** The annual dues for the year are now payable. Your prompt attention to this matter makes it possible for THE GULL to come to you regularly each month.

### Treasurer's Report for 1937

## Commercial account:

Balance January 2, 1937.....	\$119.98
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## Receipts:

Dues for year 1936.....	\$ 3.00	
Dues for year 1937.....	328.00	
Dues for year 1938.....	29.00	
Life membership .....	50.00	
Subscription to THE GULL, 1937.....	9.00	
Subscription to THE GULL, 1938.....	2.25	
Extra copies sold.....	1.70	
Sale of "Birds of Marin County".....	8.00	430.95
		\$550.93

## Expenditures:

Publishing THE GULL.....	\$216.00
Envelopes (three addresses).....	6.50
Stamped envelopes .....	33.92
Membership cards .....	6.75
Stamps and envelopes.....	7.40
Sales tax .....	6.88
Mrs. Bracelin's expenses re lectures.....	1.11
Miscellaneous expense .....	1.50
Dues in National Association.....	10.00
Janitor's Christmas gift.....	5.00
Balance due on money taken from Savings Account for "Birds of Marin County".....	35.75
Savings Account Life Membership.....	50.00
	\$380.81

Balance Commercial Account.....	170.12	\$550.93
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## Savings Account:

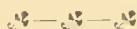
Balance January 2, 1937.....	\$624.63	
Deposit in 1937.....	85.75	
Interest for 1937.....	13.42	\$723.80

## Total Account:

Commercial Account .....	\$170.12	
Savings Account .....	723.80	\$893.92

Memberships: Honorary 8; Life 12; Junior 10; Active 125. Total 155.

Laura A. Stephens, Treasurer.

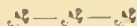


### Audubon Notes

**February Meeting:** The regular meeting will be held on Thursday evening, the 10th, at 8 o'clock, in room 19, Ferry Building.

The speaker will be Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, of the Department of Paleontology at the University of California, whose subject will be "Birds in the Trees around the Pacific." The lecture will be illustrated.

Members may bring guests.



**February Field Trip** will be taken on Sunday, the 13th, to Burlingame. Meet at stage depot, Fifth near Mission Street, San Francisco, and take bus at 8:55 a. m., to Easton Drive, where party will meet at 10 o'clock.

East Bay members should reach Ferry Building not later than 8:30 taking car up Market to Fifth Street. Bring luncheon.



**January Meeting:** The 21st annual and the 245th regular meeting was held on the 13th, in room 19, Ferry Building, with thirty-eight members and guests present. President Junea W. Kelly presiding.

Officers and Directors for the year 1938 were elected as follows:

President.....	Mrs. Junea W. Kelly
First Vice-President.....	Mr. B. K. Dunshee
Second Vice-President.....	Mrs. H. P. Bracelin
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mr. C. B. Lastreto
Recording Secretary.....	Miss Cornelia C. Pringle
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Albert B. Stephens
Director.....	Mr. Albert B. Stephens
Director.....	Mrs. Mary L. Courtright
Director.....	Mr. Joseph J. Webb

The following observations were reported:

Gordon Bolander: January 5, 1938, Lake Merced, an immature Golden Eagle. He was flying south but circled several times over the lake. On a walk along the beach from Thornton Beach to Fleishhacker's Pool, five Western Gulls, three Glaucous-winged Gulls, two Surf Scoters, one each White-winged Scoter, Pacific Fulmar, Sooty Shearwater, Common Loon and Cassin Auklet were found dead.

Harold Kirker: December 18th and 27th, Golden Gate Park, Shoveller Duck; January 1st, Land's End, 2 Surf Birds, fifty-seven Black Turnstones.

Commander and Mrs. Parmenter: January 3rd, Lake Merced, Cooper Hawk; December 14th, Crystal Springs Lake, 300± Canada Geese; Dumbarton Bridge, January 6th, 400± Eared Grebe; Alvarado, White-tailed Kite; Sears Point Cut-off, December 30th, forty-five American Egrets, two Snowy Herons, three White-tailed Kites, Ferruginous Rough-leg and Duck Hawks, seven Marsh Hawks, six Short-eared Owls; Tomales Bay, December 6th, 300± Black Brant, 21st, thirty-four White Pelicans, January 12th, twenty-five Holboell Grebes, 1000± Black Brant; Bodega Bay, three White Pelicans and 50± Black Brant.

C. R. Thomas: January 1st, Bay Farm Island, White-tailed Kite; 9th, near Holt, eight Florida Gallinules, one White-tailed Kite; December 19th, San Francisco Beach, eighteen Snowy Plovers. The latter were seen the day of the Christmas census but report received too late to include.

Lieut.-Comd. Reuben H. Hunt, M. C., U. S. N., was the speaker of the evening. Taking for his subject "Some Birds of Midway Island," Dr. Hunt delivered a most delightful and instructive talk on the interesting bird population of that distant spot in the Pacific. He showed some excellent slides, principally of Albatrosses and Boobies, and enlivened his remarks with a humorous description of the almost human behavior of some of these strange creatures during their mating and nesting activities.

## Audubon Association of the Pacific

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Monthly meeting second Thursday, 8 P. M., Room 19, Ferry Building.

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Membership dues, payable January 1st, \$3.00 per year.

Student memberships, \$1.50 per year.

Life memberships, \$50.00.

Members are responsible for dues until written notice of resignation is received by Treasurer.